

CLAIMS (Marked-Up)

What is claimed is:

1- 27. **(CANCELED)**

28. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument comprising:

- a) an elongated instrument body;
- b) a clip having an upper clip end and a lower clip end, said clip comprising at least one pair of parallel rails, the lower clip end connecting said at least one pair of rails together, the upper clip end being connected with said elongated instrument body; and
- c) a slidable member, slidably articulated upon said at least one pair of parallel rails, said slidable member comprising a bottom segment, a middle segment, and a top segment wherein said middle segment is smaller in diameter than the other two segments to fit between said at least one pair of rails such that said slidable member is movable upwardly and downwardly between the upper and the lower clip ends.

29. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 28, wherein said slidable member further comprises advertising indicia imprinted upon said middle segment and below said top segment, and said top segment is fabricated from transparent material such that said indicia is visible.

30. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 28, wherein said slidable member further comprises advertising indicia imprinted upon an outer surface of said top segment such that said indicia is visible.

31. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 30, wherein said indicia is imprinted with three dimensional textures, whereby further sensory input is provided to the user of the handheld instrument.

32. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 28, wherein said handheld instrument is a writing instrument.
33. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 28, wherein said at least one pair of rails are formed as metal wires.
34. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 33, wherein said at least one pair of rails are bent away from said instrument body adjacent the lower clip end, thereby defining a clipping rail portion which is biased against said instrument body for clipping an article therebetween.
35. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 28, wherein said elongated instrument body defines thereon connecting holes which receive said at least one pair of rails at the upper clip end.
36. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 28, wherein said slidable member is detachable from, and reconnectible with, said at least one pair of rails.
37. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A handheld instrument as in claim 28, wherein said slidable member defines channels configured to receive said at least one pair of rails therethrough.
38. **(NEW)** A clip for a handheld instrument, said clip having an upper clip end and a lower clip end, said clip comprising:
- a) at least one pair of parallel rails; and
 - b) a slidable member connected with said at least one pair of parallel rails and configured such that said member is movable upwardly and downwardly between the upper and the lower clip ends, said slidable member comprising a bottom segment, a middle segment, and a top segment, wherein said middle segment is smaller in diameter than

the other two segments to fit between said at least one pair of rails.

39. (NEW) A clip as in claim 38, wherein said slidable member further comprises advertising indicia imprinted upon said middle segment and below said top segment, and said top segment is fabricated from transparent material such that said indicia is visible.

40. (NEW) A clip as in claim 38, wherein said slidable member further comprises advertising indicia imprinted upon an outer surface of said top segment such that said indicia is visible.

41. (NEW) A clip as in claim 40, wherein said indicia is imprinted with three dimensional textures, whereby further sensory input is provided to the user of the handheld instrument.

42. (NEW) A handheld instrument comprising:

- a) an elongated instrument body defining clip-connecting holes thereon;
- b) a clip having an upper clip end and a lower clip end, said clip comprising at least one pair of parallel rails formed as metal wires, said at least one pair of rails being engaged into said clip-connecting holes at the upper clip end and connected together at the lower clip end, said at least one pair of rails being bent away from said instrument body adjacent the lower clip end to define a clipping rail portion which is biased against said instrument body for clipping an article therebetween; and
- c) a slidable member connected with said at least one pair of parallel rails and configured such that said member is movable upwardly and downwardly between the upper and the lower clip ends.